

SARA II QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

April 1 – June 30, 2004

This report covers the third quarter of FY 2004, namely, the period April 1 – June 30, 2004. It follows the SARA FY 04 work plan for the period October 1, 2003 – September 30, 2004, with mid-year modifications to the SO 21 work plan.

SARA II is a service project. As such, it is responsive to the Africa region's needs, and USAID and REDSO requests channeled through AFR/SD, so additional activities may gain priority from time to time as discussed in the Work Plan.

The strong upsurge in activity noted during the second quarter continued in the third, with a major reprogramming of SO 21 and the confirmation of SARA's extension through September 30, 2005.

Activities as found in the work plan are listed in bold.

SO 19: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Technical Area: Child Survival

Support to AFR/SD

1. Assist AFR/SD with issues identification, portfolio management & evaluation.

Expected Outputs:

- Issues related to child health identified
- Child Survival Core Group meetings organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The taking stock exercise has been the main focus of support to AFR/SD this quarter. See next item.

2. Taking stock of child survival.

Expected Outputs:

- Information presented from Mission & key informant interviews
- Best practices documented from selected missions – e-notes, briefs, etc.)

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Martita Marx, SARA Child Survival Advisor, and Carmen Coles, AED staff consultant to SARA for the stock-taking exercise, developed “lessons learned” (Section II) of the “Taking Stock” report. They also disseminated “lessons learned” to PHN officers at the SOTA meeting for review and feedback, and further analyzed mortality, financial and coverage data to strengthen “findings” (Section I) of the report.

3. Link with CORE, HCP, BASICS & WHO to promote the Africa Bureau’s priorities for child health.

Expected Outputs:

- AFR’s priorities in child health promoted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Suzanne Prysor-Jones, SARA Project Director, Renuka Bery, SARA Dissemination and Advocacy Manager, and Raymond Lambert, SARA Publications Manager, conducted a key informant interview with Youssef Tawfik, former SARA staff member and now on the Health Communication Partnership (HCP) staff, to make sure that his field experiences were adequately reflected in the private providers’ toolkit.

Moving the Private Sector Agenda

1. Organize advocacy forum on involving private providers.

Expected Outputs:

- Intl. steering committee established
- Forum organized in Africa
- WHO/AFRO takes on capacity development role

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The steering committee for the forum on private providers took place in London in early April. Suzanne Prysor-Jones facilitated the meeting with the help of the Malaria Consortium. A summary of the agreements reached and revised agenda for the forum have been circulated for review. The forum is now planned for February 2005 in Uganda.

<p>2. Influence programs / partners to use health care-seeking behavior data to design programs.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specific health care-seeking information gathered & used. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>This quarter, data on care-seeking behavior for fever related to malaria were analyzed. Data were available for 11 countries in Africa, and shared with the World Bank and BASICS.</p>
<p>3. Collaborate with WHO/Geneva, <u>et al</u>, to develop & disseminate toolkit for including private practitioners in child survival & malaria programs.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Toolkit (paper & CD) developed & disseminated <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>The work has proceeded on the toolkit with additional materials being collected. The main document is being reshaped and should be ready for circulation in draft by next quarter for review and feedback.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Moving the Community Child Health Agenda</p>
<p>1. Participate in Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) meetings on C-IMCI & follow up on required action.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SARA participation in IAWG <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>2. Participate in WHO/AFRO, UNICEF and/or BASICS meetings to facilitate scaling up of C-IMCI.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategies to expand C-IMCI developed <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>3. Collaborate with partners to explore the role of NGO networks in the scale-up of child health programs.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NGO networks strengthened in selected countries <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>4. Follow up with AFRO on use of facilitators briefing package for household & community IMCI (C-IMCI).</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suitable facilitators oriented for C-IMCI ▪ Planning approach used <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>

<p>5. Identify & disseminate “best practices” sustainable approaches for BCC programs.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <p>Best practices identified & disseminated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prior work on issue identified ▪ Issues related to sustainable BCC identified ▪ Feasible approaches / possible interfaces identified <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>6. Support the inclusion of AIDS-related issues in community IMCI.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Best practices identified & disseminated <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Advocacy on Other Key AFR/SD Priority Issues</p>
<p>1. Look for opportunities to advocate for access to ARI & other CS drugs/commodities at community level.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BASICS results disseminated & taken forward post-BASICS <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>2. Disseminate findings on funding issues for child health.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TBD <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>3. Disseminate & promote the use of the COPE tool for child health (with WARHP & AFRO).</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COPE tool adopted & used <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>

SO 19 : **Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services.**

Technical Area: **Malaria RP**

1. Production & dissemination of a document on USAID Malaria programs in Africa.

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided to prepare the document
- Document produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The final document was produced this quarter. It is currently being disseminated.

2. Co-sponsorship of the Regional Integrated Vector Management (IVM) Partnership meeting.

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants
- Selected African participants supported to attend
- Report prepared

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The Second IVM Partnership meeting was held April 22-23, 2004, in Douala, Cameroon. SARA made the necessary arrangements for the participation in the meeting of Dr. Sambe Duale, SARA Senior Research Manager and Infectious Diseases Advisor, and 5 representatives from African regional partner institutions and networks (MRTC in Bamako, IRSS and WAHO in Bobo Dioulasso, and RAOPAG in Cotonou). Unfortunately, due to last minute travel constraints, only the participant from IRSS in Burkina made it to Douala. Dr. Lucien Manga of WHO/AFRO and Dr. Diabate of IRSS have informed Dr. Duale that the meeting was successful. The report of the meeting and its recommendations will be shared with SARA and other partners in the coming weeks.

3. Support for initiatives on the prevention of malaria in pregnancy in Africa.

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings held
- Review of MIP policies & guidelines in ECSA conducted
- Advocacy briefs developed & disseminated
- Malaria & pregnancy brochure & press kit updated, produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff commented on a draft brochure prepared by Dr. John Paul Clark of AFR/SD on HIV/AIDS and malaria in pregnancy.

4. Procurement and dissemination of the AJTMH supplement on the Burden of Malaria in Africa.

Expected Outputs:

- Up to 300 documents procured & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

An exchange of e-mails and phone calls between SARA and the NIH Foundation occurred this quarter on preparing a purchase order for the supplement. The production of the supplement is delayed until August 2004, at which time, SARA will finalize the purchase order for their purchase.

5. Organize advocacy activities on involving private providers in health outcomes related to child survival & malaria.

Expected Outputs:

- Intl. steering committee established
- Forum organized in Africa
- WHO/AFRO takes on capacity development role

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See Moving the Private Sector Agenda, item #1, above.

6. Technical support for the implementation of the CORE Group malaria & IMCI work plan for FY 04.

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff and consultant
- Staff of SARA & partner institutions participated in key meetings
- Electronic exchanges organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Sambe Duale participated in one conference call of the CORE Malaria Working Group this quarter to discuss progress in the implementation of the CORE FY 04 malaria work plan and to get introduced to Ms. Areana Quinones, the new malaria coordinator.

7. Technical support for malaria activities of selected African institutions and networks (e.g., CRHCS, WAHO, MRTC, WHO/AFRO, RCQHC, ICIPE, ECSACON, RAOPAG).

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultant
- Staff of partner institutions participated in key meetings Electronic exchanges organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Sambe Duale provided input to the planning of the WAHO and RBM/WARN-sponsored workshop held June 22-24, 2004, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The purpose of the workshop was to bring national malaria control managers from ECOWAS member countries together to review progress and constraints toward achieving the Abuja RBM goals.

8. Support a WAHO consultative meeting to identify strategic approaches to the promotion of ITNs for malaria prevention & control in West Africa.

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA & consultants
- Workshop organized
- Report & advocacy materials prepared & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

During the visit of Prof. Moussa Maiga, Deputy Director of WAHO, to DC in May 2004, Sambe Duale arranged for him to meet with colleagues of the NetMark Project. The meeting provided an opportunity for Prof. Maiga and the NetMark Project to discuss how to work together on advocacy activities on ITNs in West Africa. Mr. Martin Alilio of NetMark was invited by Prof. Maiga to present at the WAHO and RBM/WARN-sponsored workshop held June 22-24, 2004, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

9. Provide support to the design of advocacy materials on taxes & tariffs on ITNs.

Expected Outputs:

- SARA support provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Suzanne Prysor-Jones worked with NetMark staff and consultants to give initial shape to the taxes and tariffs advocacy presentation. She also assisted NetMark in developing an advocacy strategy within which this model could be used.

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Technical Area: **Tuberculosis**

1. Dissemination findings of the Women and TB study in Tanzania.

Expected Outputs:

- Development, production & dissemination of briefs & advocacy materials

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The report was finalized this quarter. At AFR/SD's request, however, the report was sent to Ms. Susan Bacheller, TB Team Leader of USAID/GBH, for review and clearance for publication. Ms. Bacheller has provided comments and would like another colleague at GBH to also review the document. The GBH comments will be discussed with the Tanzanian investigators and incorporated in the document before production, which, with dissemination, is anticipated for next quarter.

2. Support for information sharing on the implementation of TB control programs in African settings.

Expected Outputs:

- Information-sharing activities planned and organized.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Support for the documentation and dissemination of findings on innovative TB-HIV linked programs.

Expected Outputs:

- Literature review, key informant interviews & site visits conducted
- Advocacy briefs produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Sambe Duale had a meeting on Monday, June 14th, with colleagues of the WHO/AFRO/DDC Tuberculosis Unit to discuss how the Tuberculosis Unit could coordinate activities with CRHCS and SARA on the documentation of best practices in the implementation of TB-HIV/AIDS collaborative program interventions and also the dissemination of findings of the TB and gender study. Prof. Bah-Sow of WHO/AFRO will share the protocol for the documentation of TB-HIV best practices with SARA. Dr. Duale will contact CRHCS on the status of their TB-HIV documentation exercise and explore how to link it with WHO/AFRO.

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Technical Area: Infectious Diseases

1. Dissemination of findings from the documentation of IDSR implementation in Africa.

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants
- Report & advocacy briefs produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The IDSR documentation briefs were part of the background materials disseminated by WHO/AFRO at the 5th IDSR Task Force held June 15-17, 2004, in Harare, Zimbabwe. In addition, 100 copies of the IDSR briefing packets were sent to WHO/HQ this quarter to be handed out at various meetings in Geneva.

2. Global Consultation on Disease Surveillance & Response.

Expected Outputs:

- SARA represented at meeting
- Report prepared & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is completed.

3. Technical support to WHO/AFRO DDC for the development & implementation of an advocacy & dissemination strategy.

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants
- Advocacy materials produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The 5th IDSR Task Force meeting held June 15-17, 2004, in Harare requested SARA's support for the formulation a regional advocacy and marketing plan for IDSR in the African region. (see item # 5 below).

Antonia Wolff, SARA Dissemination Specialist, and Renuka Bery continue to provide technical assistance on an as needed basis. The WHO/AFRO dissemination officer continues to disseminate a quarterly e-newsletter highlighting EPI stories in the news.

4. Technical support to WHO/AFRO for strategy development & advocacy for mobilizing resources for IDSR implementation (e.g., training, contingency stocks, etc.).

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants
- SARA represented at partners' joint planning meeting strategy
- Advocacy materials produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA is expected to join WHO/AFRO and partners to develop a comprehensive regional strategy for support to epidemic preparedness and response (e.g., setting up a rapid response network, securing and deploying contingency stocks of reagents, drugs, vaccines, equipment, communication channels, etc.). WHO/AFRO will prepare the terms of reference for the exercise and circulate to partners in early July 2004. It is expected that a draft strategy will be ready for endorsement by the 6th IDSR Task Force in June 2005.

5. WHO/AFRO Annual Meeting of the Task Force on Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response.

Expected Outputs:

- SARA & partners represented at meeting Report prepared & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Sambe Duale attended the 5th Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) Task Force meeting held June 15-17, 2004, in Harare, Zimbabwe.

A meeting of partners was convened on Thursday, June 17th, to discuss a joint action plan for the support of IDSR in the African region. Representatives of WHO, USAID, CDC, CCISD, SARA, PHR+ and AMP discussed approaches, responsibilities and a timetable for implementing key regional IDSR activities in the next 12 months. SARA is expected to play a role in the implementation of the following activities:

- a) formulate a regional advocacy and marketing plan for IDSR in the Africa region;
- b) Develop a comprehensive regional strategy for support to epidemic preparedness and response (e.g., setting up a rapid response network, securing and deploying contingency stocks of reagents, drugs, vaccines, equipment; communication channels, etc.);
- c) Develop TORs and conduct documentation and evaluation of IDSR in selected countries.

6. Technical support to AFR/SD on Epidemic Preparedness & Response, & Transition Initiatives.

Expected Outputs:

- Review meetings held
- TA provided for the development & production of activities in this technical area

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Based on the experience with the Cholera and Meningitis cables, Sambe Duale had some preliminary discussions with Mary Harvey of AFR/SD and WHO/AFRO colleagues for the preparation of a cable on yellow fever, especially for West African countries at risk of epidemic outbreaks (e.g., Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone, etc).

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Technical Area: Nutrition

1. Assist AFR/SD SO 19 team in managing the Nutrition Technical Area (including MTCT/nutrition, HIV/AIDS issues).

Expected Outputs:

- Core team meetings held
- SO 19 portfolio reviews conducted
- Expert advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

At the beginning of this quarter Ellen Piwoz, SARA Nutrition Advisor and Dorcas Lwanga, SARA Nutritionist, met with the new AFR/SD HIV/AIDS Advisor Peter Salama to provide an update on key nutrition and HIV/AIDS activities that SARA is providing TA on for AFR/SD. At the same meeting, Mr. Salama outlined the key areas of interest in the area of HIV/AIDS and nutrition noting special interest in Pediatric HIV/AIDS issues.

2. Provide technical support to AFR Core Groups, G-PHN & CA partners on nutrition issues in Africa.

Expected Outputs:

- Meetings attended.
- Expert advice/input provided.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dorcas Lwanga provided technical assistance to the FANTA Project as a part of FANTA's activities to help strengthen USAID/Lusaka's response to HIV/AIDS in Zambia. The FANTA Project is providing technical assistance to the Zambia National Food and Nutrition Commission (NFNC) on the development of national guidelines on the nutritional care and support of PLWHA. FANTA requested Ms. Lwanga's assistance in reviewing their draft guidelines for technical accuracy, completeness, logical presentation of information and appropriate citations. This work was completed this quarter.

3. Evaluate the impact of AFR/SD nutrition investments & disseminate results:

- **Short brief of results of the PROFILES evaluation**
- **Disseminate results of the West Africa Nutrition Focal Point Network evaluation.**

Expected Outputs:

- Brief on PROFILES evaluation completed & disseminated
- Report disseminated in WA sub-region

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The brief describing the results of the PROFILES evaluation was completed last quarter and placed on the website. Dorcas Lwanga and Renuka Bery met with Helen Stiefel, PROFILES Coordinator, to discuss dissemination of the brief. Ms. Stiefel was provided a list of potential programs, people and institutions to which the brief could be disseminated. The report of the West Africa Nutrition Focal Point network evaluation was completed this quarter. It is currently being translated into English. It will then be published by September 2004 for dissemination at the ECOWAS Nutrition Forum Sept 20-24, 2004, in Cotonou, Benin.

4. Nutrition Policy Analysis and Advocacy:

- **PROFILES support to countries to enhance understanding of ENA & linkages with HIV/AIDS, RH programs (emphasis on PEPFAR & WA countries).**

Expected Outputs:

- Up to 3 countries in the region assisted as needed
 - Benin (Jan. 2004)

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA provided support to Helen Stiefel in organizing a PROFILES application in Zambia (May 24-29, 2004) and Swaziland (May 31-June 4, 2004). Both PROFILES applications were successfully completed with a follow-up for the second part of the application, the advocacy part in Zambia scheduled for late August or early September 2004.

West Africa Regional Nutrition Advisor Kinday Samba assisted Helen Steifel in conducting a two-week workshop on PROFILES for the government of Benin.

5. Strengthen African partners' capacity for:

- **Use of AFR-supported tools & approaches in NGO & pre-service settings in the West Africa region**
- **Nutrition advocacy in West Africa**
- **Dissemination of promising practices in Africa through regional networks:**
 - **WAHO focal points**
 - **CRHCS nutrition network**
 - **Other nutrition networks.**

Expected Outputs:

- Meetings organized in 3 countries for NGOs from 6 countries in West Africa
- Follow-up on implementation of approaches & tools into curriculum of 7 countries in West Africa
- Workshop conducted to revise training manual integrating elements of approaches & tools
- Workshop conducted to update ANCDI West & Central Africa 10-year action plan & presented to potential donors
- Support for one regional meeting each for WAHO & CRHCS nutrition focal points
- Dissemination of Regional Training Manual on Essential Nutrition Actions to Schools & NGOs through focal points network

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Kinday Samba organized and facilitated three workshops in collaboration with BASICS to disseminate the nutrition approaches and tools based on the essential nutrition actions (ENA). The workshops were held in Senegal, Mali and Burkina Faso for approximately 70 national and international NGOs in total. Follow-up to assess impact of these workshops on nutrition programs of NGO's is in progress.

The regional training manual on ENA was finalized and is available in both English and French. It will be disseminated at the ECOWAS Nutrition Forum in September 2004 in Cotonou, Benin.

Dorcas Lwanga continued to provide technical assistance to the new CRHCS Nutrition Coordinator Mofota Shomari. Ms. Lwanga provided TA to review a new Nutrition Brief on Nutrition in Times of Disaster. The brief continues to be forthcoming. As well, Ms. Lwanga provided support to Ms. Shomari with input for a presentation on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS for their upcoming DJCC meeting at which Ms. Shomari will be making a presentation. It is not certain if there will be a nutrition focal point network meeting this year. Ms. Lwanga will follow up with Ms. Shomari on this issue.

SO 19: Adoption of Policies and Strategies for Increased sustainability, Quality, Efficiency, and Equity of Health Services

Technical Area: Maternal and Newborn Health

1. Join with other partners to develop & disseminate a program brief that refocuses the role of traditional birth attendants as part of a facility/community team to improve maternal health.

Expected Outputs:

- Program brief
- Review & discussion by WHO RH focal points

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Holley Stewart and Suzanne Prysor-Jones continue to have discussions with WHO/AFRO about such a brief. There does not appear to be a need at this time for such a brief as the role of the TBA has been accepted by most stakeholders to have changed to that of a referral provider and not someone who provides skilled care at birth or post partum.

2. Provide support on malaria in pregnancy.

Expected Outputs:

- Translation of malaria in pregnancy briefing packet, development of additional fact sheets, etc., in French for dissemination in francophone countries
- Work with RAOPAG (West African Network for the Fight against Malaria during Pregnancy)

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has coordinated electronic discussions between AWARE-RH, RAOPAG and WHO/AFRO for the organization by WHO/AFRO with support from AWARE-RH of an advocacy training workshop on MIP with the countries who are members of RAOPAG and other countries who belong to WHO's West African epidemiological bloc. SARA has also facilitated the discussion between AFRO and PATH for materials that were used in a similar workshop with the MIPESA countries in January 2004.

3. Work with WHO/AFRO & African institutions to expand REDUCE/ALIVE initiative in Africa through capacity development of regional consultants.

Expected Outputs:

- Increased monitoring of advocacy impact
- Capacity development demonstrated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Suzanne Prysor-Jones brokered a discussion on REDUCE and ALIVE between WHO/AFRO (Dr. Oluwole) and AWARE-RH (Dr. Ndong). AWARE has agreed to fund much of the cost of REDUCE/ALIVE in Ghana and possibly also an application in Burkina Faso. AWARE has also agreed to assist with follow-up of the implementation of advocacy plans based on REDUCE/ALIVE in West Africa.

SARA also worked with AFRO to develop facilitator profiles for REDUCE/ALIVE. AFRO would like to train a cadre of regional experts to roll out REDUCE/ALIVE.

4. Promote attention / interventions to improve newborn care through use of ALIVE, dissemination of best practices, etc.

Expected Outputs:

- BASICS/Senegal experience disseminated / discussed in AFRO & other forums
- Funding leveraged for ALIVE

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See previous item. The Mali workshop combined REDUCE with the ALIVE tool for newborn advocacy and helped to form a partnership of donors working in maternal and neonatal health. Dr. Zeinab Maiga, former head of the Division for Reproductive Health in the Malian MOH, participated in the workshop and gave the REDUCE presentation at the end-of-workshop advocacy event.

In addition, various advocacy events were organized in Mali subsequent to the REDUCE/ALIVE workshop:

- A regional meeting of First Ladies
- A Midwives' Association Day

Holley Stewart debriefed USAID/Mali officers who were unable to attend the Mali REDUCE/ALIVE advocacy event (Ann Hirshey, Sixte Zigirumugabe, Kristina Sow). They will follow up with Dr. Zeinab Maiga, *Division Santé de la Réproduction* and the *Direction Nationale de la Santé* on the Ministry of Health's advocacy plan to adapt REDUCE/ALIVE model for other regions in Mali and coordinate with the roll-out of the RAPID model. Shortly after the workshop, Dr. Maiga became Mali's Minister of Health.

SARA met with AFR/SD to discuss modalities for promoting newborn health (April 21, 2004), and to suggest ways that AFR/SD could implement the USAID MNH strategy to promote newborn health.

5. Work with AFRO to build capacity in Africa for formative research on newborns.

Expected Outputs:

- Capacity developed & research planned & conducted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff have been in close contact with WHO/AFRO staff to start the planning of newborn health research to be funded by USAID (both Global Bureau and AFR/SD). SARA consultant Nancy Nachbar and Holley Stewart will be meeting with AFRO staff and USAID next quarter to agree on methodology and draft a work plan.

Suzanne Prysor-Jones and Ms. Stewart have been liaising with AFRO and USAID to refine AFRO's proposal for formative research on newborn care. It is expected that Ms. Stewart will meet with AFRO, USAID and AED's Nancy Nachbar in July during WHO's RH managers' meeting in Johannesburg to flesh out the details of AFRO's proposal, the timeline, budget and roles and responsibilities of various partners.

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Technical Area: Health Reform

1. Support advocacy on human resources as part of Africa Working Group.

Expected Outputs:

- Advocacy tool developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

2. Identify & disseminate “best practices” for long-term approaches to continuing education in coordination with relevant partners.

Expected Outputs:

- Inter-Agency Working Group established with SARA participation
- Relevant partners & countries that have worked with professional associations identified
- Best practices identified & collected
- Ways of using continuing education as performance incentive, for license renewal, identified

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Identify & disseminate “best practices” for developing a critical mass for public health leadership.

Expected Outputs:

- Partners with interest & activities in public health leadership identified
- Best practices of foundations, graduate schools, USAID experience & countries identified
- University networks strengthened in selected countries

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Sambe Duale prepared a paper entitled, *The Health Workforce Crisis in Africa: Dimensions and Illustrative Immediate and Long-Term Responses*. This paper outlines the crisis and reviews illustrative short-term responses and long-term measures to be considered in addressing it. The paper intended to inform the discussion during the Health Manpower Crisis in Africa session at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) State-of-the-Art (SOTA) Course for its health population and nutrition (HPN) staff in Africa, June 9-12, 2004, in Johannesburg, South Africa. SARA also contracted the services of Mr. Seth Acquah of Ghana and Mr. Tim Martineau of UK, two human resource experts, to present at the SOTA conference.

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Technical Area: Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI)

1. Assist AFR/SD SO 19 EPI team in managing the EPI agenda, especially human resources/capacity development.

Expected Outputs:

- Assistance provided as needed.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA provided data on coverage of DPT3 and tetanus coverage to the SOTA meeting and this area was part of the AFRO review that took place in the previous quarter but whose report was produced this quarter. It is expected that the findings related to EPI and the other areas will be worked into the new AFRO grant.

2. Dissemination and advocacy activities for EPI using African institutions.

Expected Outputs:

- Publications produced & disseminated.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The WHO/AFRO dissemination officer produces a quarterly e-newsletter that highlights EPI stories in the news. This e-newsletter reaches hundreds of WHO personnel throughout the Africa region and headquarters. The original idea was conceived jointly with SARA staff and SARA's technical assistance has been instrumental to AFRO in developing this e-newsletter.

SO 20: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

General – Related to overall SO
<p>1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD SO 20 team with managing the RH results packages.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Core team meetings held ▪ Results packages completed & periodically updated ▪ Annual report completed ▪ Strategic support & guidance provided to AFR/SD & WHO/AFRO regional RH task force ▪ Agenda set with AFR/SD priorities included ▪ Task force recommendations ▪ Follow-up ▪ PMP updated <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Holley Stewart and Joseph Coblentz, SARA Operations Manager, produced for AFR/SD a matrix of third quarter accruals and pipelines on SO 20 activities.</p>
<p>2. Guidance to AFR/SD & CA partners on dissemination & advocacy as related to documentation of FP & RH.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guidance provided as needed. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Antonia Wolff and Holley Stewart helped USAID/GH HIPNet (Health Information and Publications Network (HIPNet) working group identify needs for future publications and communications materials related to FP/HIV-AIDS Integration.</p>
<p>3. Issue identification & promotion of AFR/SD priorities.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issue identification & promotion of AFR/SD priorities <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Holley Stewart prepared for AFR/SD a matrix of all activities by relevant CAs on repositioning family planning. The matrix is to be updated periodically.</p> <p>Ms. Stewart will be organizing meetings between AFR/SD and CAs involved in developing policies and strategies for addressing the RH needs of youth and for the promotion of RH advocacy through the media will be held in the next quarter to determine how AF/SD priorities are being met in these areas.</p>
20.1.1 Addressing the reproductive health (RH) needs of underserved populations (adolescents & men)
<p>1. TA on dissemination of findings of formative research on male involvement.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief to be included in RH briefing packet (French & English) ▪ Dissemination to RH e-mailing list ▪ Translate summary brief in French <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this period.</p>

2. Support CERPOD to update information on adolescent RH in the region by conducting an in-depth analysis of new DHS data from the region.

Expected Outputs:

- Up-to-date information on ARH in at least four CERPOD member countries where new DHS & other data is involved
- Wall chart or brochure presenting this new information in an accessible way
- Development of dissemination strategy
- Data turned into a PowerPoint presentation to be used at meetings

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Holley Stewart also worked with colleagues at CERPOD to advance the development of advocacy materials to be generated from the update of adolescent reproductive health in the Sahel. She and Ahmadou Sankaré, CERPOD's communication specialist, went through the quantitative and qualitative reports of both consultants to identify key messages from the findings. Ms. Stewart also worked with Baba Traore and Sadio Traore of CERPOD-INSAH and Bakary Doumbia of INFO-STAT to determine gaps in quantitative report and further calculations that would be needed for the final report and dissemination materials.

3. Support CERPOD communication specialist.

Expected Outputs:

- Cover Amadou Sankare's salary for first quarter of FY04, possibly 2nd quarter, until WARP contract with CERPOD takes over

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

On June 25th, Amadou Sankare announced that he was leaving the CERPOD post for another job with the CILSS in Bobo-Dioulasso. SARA and CERPOD will discuss who will take over his responsibilities to produce a brochure on adolescent health in the Sahel as discussed in #2 above.

4. Provide technical assistance to CRHCS in the rollout of its RH strategy.

Expected Outputs:

- Strategy that outlines the key priority RH areas of focus by CRHCS
- Development of materials for repositioning FP
- Electronic & print FP repositioning advocacy presentation materials specific to ECSA (link with other partners)
- Documentation
- Regional & national advocacy action plans
- Enhanced commitment to mobilize resources to integrate FP in RH programs
- Regional approach for monitoring, evaluating advocacy action plan implementation

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

<p>20.1.3 New strategies for incorporating STI/HIV/AIDS into other existing services adopted</p> <p>Provide support for addressing the integration of FP & HIV/AIDS programs.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review final reports, finalize briefs & dissemination strategy with POLICY ▪ Publish & disseminate brief on findings from focus group discussions with clients and providers ▪ Present findings at fora where appropriate <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Holley Stewart and Antonia Wolff both met with Policy’s Koki Agarwal, Brenda Rakama and Karen Hardee to finalize the dissemination strategy of the Kenyan and Zambian case studies in FP and HIV integration. Ms. Wolff worked with Policy and AFR/SD to send the Kenyan and Zambian USAID missions e-copies of recent case studies conducted in FP and HIV/AIDS integration in both countries. Entitled, <i>Provision and Use of Family Planning in the Context of HIV/AIDS: Perspectives of Providers, Family Planning and Antenatal Care Clients and HIV Positive Women</i>, these studies explore how family planning is being implemented in Zambia and Kenya in the context of high HIV prevalence. The studies were conducted by the Policy Project in collaboration with the SARA Project. AFR/SD plans to synthesize these studies into two country briefs incorporating findings from two similar studies (Kenya and Zambia) using expert witnesses. The briefs will target program managers and policy makers. Missions will be able to disseminate them nationally. A poster presentation on the two case studies will be made at the XV International AIDS conference.</p>
<p>20.1.4 New strategies for empowering women developed</p> <p>1. Support to FGC initiatives.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will depend on activities defined <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Holley Stewart participated in the interagency FGC working group’s review of the questionnaire for the FGC module for the DHS.</p>
<p>2. Support to West African Post-Abortion Care Initiative.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compilation & publication of post-Dakar 2002 conference report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DC-based dissemination meeting on report to develop dissemination strategy - West African launch of report - Transfer of Francophone PAC Initiative Committee Secretariat from IntraHealth to CEFOREP <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>At USAID’s request, Holley Stewart worked with Margaret Neuse to re-edit the conference report and cover letter in English and French. The report is being re-printed and will be distributed next quarter to all stakeholders.</p>

20.2.1 Reproductive health policies / strategies promotion: Strategies to strengthen African regional capacity to plan, manage & implement reproductive health programs developed & promoted

1. Assist Mwangaza to augment its regional profile & increase its involvement in social mobilization for RH & MNH issues.

Expected Outputs:

- Mwangaza activity briefs
- Mwangaza development of regional White Ribbon Alliance
- Linkages between Mwangaza and other partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Holley Stewart continued working with Mwangaza to finalize its scopes of work for SARA collaboration. She and Suzanne Pryor-Jones have both discussed with AWARE-RH the possibility of its capacity-building of Mwangaza as Mwangaza's SOWs fit AWARE's mandate. Mwangaza has submitted a rationale for organizing a regional meeting on social mobilization implementation in RH programs to SARA. Ms. Stewart will discuss its proposal with WHO and AWARE.

2. Support to African regional institutions (AFRO, CEFOREP, CERPOD).

Expected Outputs:

- Continue to participate as a member of AFRO's regional RH task force
- Assist with the development & follow up of task force recommendations
- Coordinate & collaborate with WHO/AFRO on FP, RH, MNH issues/activities
- TA to CEFOREP as sub-regional coordinator of PAC Initiative monitoring
- Guidance to CERPOD as requested to develop or implement RH communication/dissemination strategies

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Holley Stewart and Suzanne Pryor-Jones have provided WHO/AFRO comments several times during various rounds of finalizing the Regional Partners' Road Map for Accelerating the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals and Reducing Maternal and Newborn Disease and Death. They also suggested that an implementation guide supplement the Road Map, which Dr. Doyin Oluwole, the director of AFRO's Division of Family and RH, drafted and sent to them for comments.

Ms. Stewart reviewed CEFOREP's progress report on its activities as the PAC secretariat for Francophone West Africa. CEFOREP proposed convening a meeting with the country PAC focal points to follow up on the implementation of country action plans in the last 2 years and share best practices. Ms. Stewart suggested that the meeting be scheduled during the SAGO, which most focal points would likely attend and where the PAC report can be launched. CEFOREP will also contact AWARE-RH to discuss possible support for this activity.

20.2.2 Innovative advocacy strategies to increase support of expanded reproductive health programs developed & promoted

1. Assessment of outcomes & results of West African media activities.

Expected Outputs:

- Summary briefing booklet on the story of Pop'mediafrique (process, lessons learned & results) distilled from final analysis report

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

2. Explore activities to promote & advocate for the repositioning of FP in RH programs.

Expected Outputs:

- Participate in developing a framework for USAID interagency working group to reposition FP
- Develop & distribute info packets & advocacy tools

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Holley Stewart organized a meeting with all the CAs involved in the Repositioning Family Planning Initiative and relevant USAID staff to identify evidence or data for strengthening the Repositioning Family Planning presentation for the June SOTA meeting and discuss additional tools that might be available for Repositioning Family Planning. A working group for Repositioning FP was established during this meeting. PHNIP sent a draft strategy for the working group for comment and revision. USAID's Shawn Malarcher and other staff expect to produce the USAID strategy shortly.

20.2.3 Strategies for improved coordination among stakeholders and/or partners for RH programs developed & promoted

Support to Advance Africa to produce & disseminate a strategic mapping manual for RH services.

Expected Outputs:

- Manual developed
- Dissemination strategy developed with Advance Africa & PARTAGE

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Antonia Wolff contacted Advance Africa in April and, although they indicated that they had made some progress in finalizing the tool, it was not quite ready for print. We now anticipate that the document will be ready for SARA's contribution (assistance with layout, print and dissemination) in the next quarter.

SO 21: Adoption of Cost-effective Strategies to Prevent and Mitigate the Impact of HIV/AIDS

<p>Enhanced coordination of partners to support HIV/AIDS programs in Africa</p> <p>1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD Team, as needed, in managing the HIV/AIDS results package.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core team meetings held. SO 21 portfolio reviews organized. Performance monitoring plan drafted. Peer reviews organized & expert advice provided. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>SARA HIV/AIDS Advisor Agnieszka Sykes remains the focal point person for HIV/AIDS activities, work plans and coordination of meetings, as well as preparation of results packages in consultation with technical advisors on the project and the technical officer at AFR/SD. She played a coordinating role in the preparations for the Regional Economic Strengthening for OVC consultative meeting that took place in June. She also helped review the AFR/SD priority HIV/AIDS activities and coordinated actions by the task managers at SARA related to HIV/AIDS.</p> <p>In addition, several informal meetings were held this quarter with the USAID team involved in HIV/nutrition to discuss strategies for incorporating food and nutrition interventions into S/GAC guidance and operational plans, to prepare for the May 11 hearing on hunger and HIV/AIDS in Africa. No problems were encountered.</p>
<p>2. Participate in various working groups (i.e. PMTCT, OVC).</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of meetings. Follow-up actions developed based on the recommendations. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>On May 28th, Agnieszka Sykes and Renuka Bery attended the first in a series of monthly HIV/AIDS Working Group meetings held under the direction of AFR/SD's new HIV/AIDS Advisor, Peter Salama.</p> <p>No HANIG meetings were held this quarter.</p>
<p>3. Coordination with partner agencies on HIV/AIDS initiatives in Africa.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SARA staff involved in meetings & electronic exchanges with partners. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Agnieszka Sykes maintained communication with Janet Hayman to discuss joint CRHCS activities and the recruitment of CRHCS' new AIDS Coordinator (salary paid by REDSO). It has been difficult to meet with REDSO due to serious travel restrictions to Nairobi.</p>
<p>4. Develop country profile reports focused on data & program information.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country profiles reports useful for data comparison & programming provided to Africa Bureau & partners. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>

African Institutions/Capacity Building

1. Technical support to CRHCS on key regional HIV/AIDS issues (i.e., pre-service training, policy monitoring, health manpower, ARVs).

Expected Outputs:

- Follow-up on HIV/AIDS pre-service curricula and incorporation into teaching & examinations.
- Reports on HR prepared & disseminated.
- Results of policy monitoring documented & disseminated.
- Road map for ARVs finalized & disseminated.
- Regional Procurement & Drug Forum guidelines finalized & disseminated.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Agnieszka Sykes visited CRHCS June 22nd – 24th and worked directly with the staff on the review of pre-service training curricula, impact of AIDS on Health Workforce assessments and policy monitoring. This technical consultation and orientation visit enabled Ms. Sykes to meet CRHCS staff and exchange ideas for moving the HIV/AIDS activities and policy monitoring activities forward.

2. Strengthen RATN in HIV/AIDS training programs.

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided for proposals & follow-up activities.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Sambe Duale was one of three experts selected by RATN to assist with the review of proposals submitted in response to a call for institutions to submit proposals to develop and deliver a regional course on Advanced Research Methods incorporating the Utilization of Research Findings, Operations Research and Monitoring and Evaluation for HIV /AIDS Program Managers in East and South Africa Region, using “the Problem-oriented Approach”. Based on the reviewers’ comments, RATN has selected the Clinical Epidemiology Unit of the University of Nairobi to further develop its proposal for the delivery of the course on advance research methods. RATN will keep SARA posted on progress in the development of this course.

3. Support NAP+ to follow-up on key activities.

Expected Outputs:

- Institutional evaluation & strategic plan follow-up completed.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Agnieszka Sykes has been in contact with NAP+ regarding their 2004 work plan activities and budget. The proposal and budget for 2004 funding was submitted during the quarter and are under negotiation with AED. However, they must satisfy several contractual requirements pertaining to their 2003 subcontract before they can receive additional funding.

NAP+ is also the latest member of HACI and was invited to attend the Economic Strengthening Workshop, described below. Dorothy Odhiambo represented them at the workshop.

4. Strengthen capacity for M&E of HIV/AIDS programs in West Africa.

Expected Outputs:

- HIV/AIDS consultant hired by CERPOD
- Situation analysis of M&E needs & gaps conducted
- Guidelines & tools disseminated
- Workshop on M&E conducted.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No significant activity this quarter.

5. Support collaborative activities with WAHO on regional HIV/AIDS activities (military, ARV procurement).

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided for Global Fund applications.
- TA provided by SARA staff & consultants
- Advocacy materials prepared & disseminated.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Prof. Moussa Maiga, Deputy Director General of WAHO, was in the US during the month of May 2004 for consultations with interested parties in health development in West Africa. Sambe Duale assisted in setting up meetings for Prof. Maiga with interested parties at the Pentagon, NIH/NIAID, USAID, World Bank, Clinton Foundation and FHI to discuss WAHO's strategic plan for addressing HIV/AIDS in the ECOWAS region. A number of areas of potential collaboration between WAHO and the organizations contacted were identified. Dr. Duale will continue to help WAHO to follow-up on the above mentioned discussions.

Kinday Samba continued work with Dorcas Lwanga in preparing for the upcoming regional nutrition focal point meeting on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS. The meeting will be held September 20-24 in Cotonou, Benin, and the agenda includes participation from all major agencies working on this issue (including UNAIDS, WHO/AFRO, FAO, WFP, UNICEF along with USAID). This year, the SARA Project is in charge of organizing the meeting with WAHO. Letters of invitation to key technical experts for the technical update were sent and responses received. The CTO letter to cover participation of some of the technical experts and related costs was approved and signed this quarter.

6. Strengthen the capacity of SWAA to implement key actions identified in work plan development workshop supported in FY 03 by SARA.

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided in operationalizing the activities developed in the work plan & their implementation supported
- Reports of the actions implemented.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

Orphans & Vulnerable Children

1. Understanding the needs of Orphans & Vulnerable Children (OVC): Technical Consultation.

Expected Outputs:

- A background SOTA paper prepared
- Consultation held
- Report of consultation produced & disseminated.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The November 2003 Consultative Meeting report has been finalized and disseminated. The OVC SOTA paper is being reviewed by several technical people in order to improve sections on psycho-social support and nutrition. SARA has sent a number of salient OVC reports to missions on behalf of AFR/SD (hard copies and CD-ROMs).

2. OVC meeting(s) in Africa.

Expected Outputs:

- Economic strengthening & Livelihoods for OVC consultative meeting in Tanzania held, report completed & disseminated, follow-up actions defined & implementation begun
- TA provided to conference planners in Africa
- Other activities TBD.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Agnieszka Sykes coordinated the planning of the Economic Strengthening (ES) for OVC consultative meeting in mid-June. Ms. Sykes also provided facilitation support during the workshop and will be coordinating the on-going work of the established working groups. The groups will work on several areas to promote scaling up of ES for OVC programs. A workshop report will be finalized in August.

HIV/AIDS and Nutrition, Prevention of PMTCT

1. Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS.

Areas:

- Development and implementation of improved PMTCT policies and guidelines in Africa.
- Review/analyze status of safe infant feeding policies and practices in PEPFAR/PMTCT countries.
- ZVITAMBO research and analysis with dissemination of findings on nutrition, HIV and PMTCT.
- Formative research for PMTCT programs.
- Formulate and disseminate improved WHO policies and guidelines and new research findings related to infant feeding and HIV/AIDS.
- Develop, produce, disseminate new tools and approaches and disseminate new research findings for HIV and infant feeding counseling.
- Early breastfeeding cessation paper.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

1) *Improved PMTCT guidelines and policies in Africa* – no activity this quarter.

2) *Review status of safe infant feeding policies/practices in PEPFAR countries* – Meetings were held with LINKAGES to discuss this activity. LINKAGES had set aside some core funds to carry out a similar type of assessment and it was agreed that we would work together to carry this activity out. A consultant, Ann Brownlee, was identified to develop a rapid assessment tool and conduct interviews. Unfortunately, Ann was unable to accept the assignment. A second consultant, Lora Iannotti, was also identified but to date there has been no further progress on this activity. SARA needs to find out from LINKAGES about whether they intend to conduct this activity. AFR should let us know if it is still deemed to be a priority.

3) *ZVITAMBO analysis and dissemination* - Work continued on the analysis and dissemination of ZVITAMBO findings related to HIV and infant feeding. The paper on HIV transmission by early feeding patterns was submitted to International AIDS Conferences and accepted as an oral poster presentation. The poster was prepared this quarter. The manuscript was also submitted to a peer-review journal and is under review. Several presentations of the study findings have been made to date at USAID, World Bank, FHI, and Society for International Nutrition Research, and at the SOTA meeting. Further analyses were undertaken to assess the impact of the ZVITAMBO education and counseling intervention on exclusive breastfeeding, learning HIV test results and postnatal HIV transmission. Findings were presented at a Symposium on Women's Nutrition and HIV/AIDS that was organized by SARA and UNC/Chapel Hill, as well as at USAID, FHI, the World Bank, and at the SOTA. A paper describing the intervention and its impact on breastfeeding, HIV testing behaviors was prepared and accepted for publication in the *Journal of Nutrition*. Another paper describing the impact of the intervention on postnatal HIV transmission in women of unknown HIV status is now being written and will be submitted to peer review next quarter.

4) *Formative research for PMTCT programs* – The formative research manual called, *What are the options: Formative research to adapt HIV and infant feeding guidelines to the local context*, was finalized, printed,

disseminated and posted on the WHO website this quarter. SARA provided input to LINKAGES on the design of a formative research study on infant feeding options in Haiti, which was implemented this quarter. LINKAGES also implemented their FR study on nutrition and HIV/AIDS, including breastfeeding issues, in Ethiopia. (This study was designed by Ellen Piwoz last quarter during a LINKAGES TDY to Ethiopia). Some assistance was provided to the LINKAGES local consultant, Dr. Yared Amare, in terms of how to analyze and present the results. The research tools that were developed were shared with the FANTA Project, which is conducting similar FR on nutrition and HIV/AIDS. No other PMTCT FR research was supported this quarter.

5) *Improved policies and guidelines on HIV/infant feeding with WHO* – WHO circulated the draft recommendations on feeding of non-breastfed infants 6-24 months of age, based on the deliberations of the March 8-10 informal meeting. SARA provided feedback on these recommendations, and was asked to write a summary of the recommendations for the health workers to be incorporated into program guidelines. Unfortunately, SARA was unable to take on this task due to other work responsibilities and concerns that this would require substantial time to develop. WHO agreed to draft this internally and circulate for comments.

6) *HIV and infant feeding counseling tools* – SARA consultant Liz Thomas and Raymond Lambert continued to make last minute revisions to the WHO counseling tools. There have been many more changes than originally anticipated. It is hoped that these tools will be produced next quarter.

7) *Early breastfeeding cessation paper* – no activity this quarter.

2. Nutrition care and support for PLWHA.

Areas:

- Participation in WHO Technical Advisory Group on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS.
- Development of guidelines for NCS for HIV-positive women and children.
- Review of ARV treatment issues in malnourished populations.
- Inclusion of nutrition and HIV/AIDS in pre-service curricula.
- Community-based approaches to nutrition care of children and families affected by HIV/AIDS: CTC study.
- Development and local adaptation of counseling tools on nutrition care and support of PLWHA in the ECSA sub-region.
- TA to African institutions and networks to enhance or increase involvement in food, nutrition and HIV/AIDS issues.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

1) *Participation in WHO Technical Advisory Group* – E-mail correspondence continued within the WHO TAG this quarter to discuss progress on preparing the SOTA review on HIV/nutrition, and next steps for its dissemination. This activity has been substantially delayed and it is not clear whether it will be taken to completion. WHO, however, indicated that it is committed to completing the review, and disseminating it at an African meeting tentatively planned for March or April 2005. A small meeting was held in South Africa to discuss the planning of this meeting – including goals, objectives and partners. SARA did not attend this meeting but it did participate in an informal meeting at the USAID SOTA meeting to discuss next steps. As a result of this meeting, SARA helped to revise the consultation proposal for WHO, which includes a timeline and way forward. The revised proposal was re-circulated and hopefully will be acted on by WHO and meeting partners.

2) *Development of guidelines for NCS for HIV-positive women and children* – WHO finalized the guidelines for nutrition care and support for HIV+ women this quarter. The paper will be produced and distributed by WHO and included in a book being developed by HRSA on care for women with HIV.

3) *Review of ARV treatment issues* – E-mails were sent out to programs in the field that are providing ARVs to patients living in areas where malnutrition is endemic to understand the experience on the ground with this intervention. Some responses were obtained – from MSF/Malawi and from CDC/Abidjan - indicating that malnourished populations were being treated and that, in some cases, therapeutic foods were provided to address severe malnutrition. A study on this is underway in Cote d'Ivoire and more information should be available later this year. A review of the literature suggests that ARV treatment is feasible in malnourished populations and may independently improve nutrition status (due to control of viral replication). However, additional program experience is needed on this issue, particularly since many

HIV-infected populations are chronically food insecure and request food assistance.

4) *Inclusion of nutrition and HIV/AIDS in pre-service curricula* – Dorcas Lwanga continued to provide technical support to develop a pre-service training manual on nutrition and HIV/AIDS for nurses in the ECSA region in collaboration with the FANTA Project and CRHCS. In September 2003, a needs assessment was conducted among trainers and administrators at nursing schools in the region. Based on the results of the assessment and building on the RCQHC training manual, in the development of which Ms. Lwanga was also involved, sessions for the nurses training manual were drafted. Ms. Lwanga was involved in the development of the assessment, drafting of the sessions, and preparations for the workshop. A regional workshop with nursing school instructors and administrators was held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, December 1-5, 2003, to present the draft sessions, collect input from participants on the module, and facilitate development of country plans for integration of nutritional care and support into nursing and midwifery training. Ms. Lwanga was tasked with developing 3 sessions in total for the nurses' pre-service training manual: nutrition care and support for HIV-positive pregnant and lactating women, adolescent nutrition in the context of HIV/AIDS (10-19 years) and child nutrition in the context of HIV/AIDS (2-9 years). Drafts of these sessions were completed this quarter and are now being reviewed. Incorporation of comments and revisions will be carried out by Ms. Lwanga in the next quarter.

5) *CTC study* – Work continued on the CTC study this quarter. All interviews were completed and analysis is underway. Preliminary results were presented at a meeting in Malawi. A final report of this phase of the research is expected in July. The paperwork for the second phase of the study is in process. Procedures were discussed with the USAID mission. The only potential problem at this stage is completing the purchase order in time to prevent a delay in study phase 2. However, SARA is working very closely with Valid International to prevent this from occurring. The potential concern is completion of the signature process of the SARA contract modification extending SARA through September 30, 2005. By June 30th, AED had reviewed and signed it but USAID had not yet countersigned. SARA will only be able to process the purchase order when the modification is signed since the completion of the CTC study is later than the original SARA completion date of September 30, 2004.

6) *Local adaptation of counseling tools in ECSA region* - Work on developing counseling tools for the ECSA region continues in collaboration with the FANTA Project and RCQHC. As part of a set of other counseling materials, Ms. Lwanga developed counseling cards with key nutrition messages for counselors to use when providing nutrition care and support for PLWHA. In May, 2004 a workshop was held in Jinja, Uganda to present the different draft tools that were developed to PLWA and counselors working with PLWHA in Uganda. Ms. Lwanga was unable to attend this workshop secondary to personal reasons. Ms. Lwanga worked on revisions of the counseling cards based on the results of the workshop. The materials are slated to be pre-tested July, 2004 in Uganda and produced in August, 2004. A regional workshop is planned for September, 2004 to introduce and disseminate the counseling tools to other ECSA countries. Ms. Lwanga continues to collaborate on this activity with FANTA and RCQHC.

7) *TA to African institutions and networks* – As noted above, Kinday Samba is working closely with WAHO to organize a regional meeting on nutrition and HIV/AIDS in September 2004. The CTO letter to cover support of some technical presenters was approved and signed this quarter.

3. Food security, rural livelihoods and nutrition vulnerability in HIV/AIDS-affected populations.

Areas:

- Review of empirical evidence and program experience on food aid, food security/rural livelihoods and nutrition in HIV/AIDS-affected and vulnerable populations.
- Development of operational guidance for USAID missions on food, HIV/AIDS and nutrition and preparation of necessary advocacy and informational materials.
- Participation in analysis of food and nutrition situation in East and Southern Africa.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

- 1) *Review of evidence* – SARA worked closely with AFR/SD and OHA to prepare a brochure on nutrition and HIV/AIDS (including food issues) for dissemination with S/GAC and other decision-makers. The paper was produced in May and distributed at the May 11th congressional hearing, at the SOTA meeting in June, and posted on the internet. Copies were sent to USAID for their use, and the paper was translated into French for the WAHO focal point meeting and other uses. Several meetings were held with the FANTA Project to discuss the

preparation of similar materials that specifically address food aid and livelihood issues. FANTA is working on the preparation of these complementary materials for USAID. No problems were encountered.

- 2) *Development of operational guidelines* – Several meetings were held with AFR, OHA, and FANTA to discuss the preparation of operational guidelines on nutrition and HIV/AIDS and the status of FANTA work in this area. FANTA was asked by AFR to draft these guidelines, and SARA provided extensive comments. Meetings were also held during the SOTA meeting with USAID mission staff on this issue (from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, Zambia, and South Africa). Following the PEPFAR and SOTA meetings, AFR revised these guidelines with SARA assistance, and they have been shared with S/GAC. Based on feedback to date, it appears likely that the operational guidance will be distributed to PEPFAR countries and will be used in development of Country Operational Plans; however, AFR and SARA need to remain involved in these discussions to insure their implementation.
- 3) *Participation in analysis of situation in ESA* – A meeting was held this quarter with regional representatives of UNICEF/RIASCO and WFP to discuss the status of their analysis on the food and nutrition situation in ESA (the UNICEF/Tulane analysis). Some feedback was given on this activity but the next steps on this issue are uncertain. In addition to this, SARA participated in a very limited way in discussions related to the regional assessment of food and nutrition and HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa (USAID regional program). It is hoped that SARA can participate in some way in the country level strategy development work – e.g., in Mozambique – next quarter. No further problems encountered or anticipated.

Multisectoral Initiatives

1. USAID/AFR strategy for public/private partnerships in HIV/AIDS activities in Africa.

Expected Outputs:

- Work in Nigeria finalized & transferred to USAID/Nigeria.
- Country case study produced and disseminated at AGOA meeting.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is completed.

2. Impact of morbidity & mortality on cocoa industry in Ghana.

Expected Outputs:

- Assessment in Ghana & development of follow-up mitigation supported.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

During the quarter, Boston University and AED negotiated the subcontract and the paperwork was submitted to AED's Contracts Department. The latter drafted a letter of authorization for two months such that Boston University could launch the study. The letter will authorize funding through mid-July, at which point it is hoped that the USAID Office of Procurement will have approved the entire subcontract. If not, AED will extend the letter of authorization on a monthly basis.

Health Manpower & Systems

1. Assess the impact of HIV/AIDS on the health sector & promote strategies related to mitigating the negative impact of HIV/AIDS on the health work force.

Expected Outputs:

- Production and dissemination of 2 reports on impact of HIV/AIDS on health work force (Kenya, Malawi).
- Country consensus-building workshops planned & carried out in Kenya and Malawi.
- Updating & repackaging of Impact of AIDS on the Health Sector Report.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Draft reports for Malawi and Kenya were circulated and commented on by SARA colleagues and Peter Salama. The suggested changes to the reports were significant and the data needs to be cleaned up. This work is in progress. Specific plans and dates for organizing the stakeholder workshops will be identified now that the new HIV/AIDS CRHCS Coordinator has been hired.

Pediatric AIDS

1. Support & strengthen pediatric AIDS initiatives.

Expected Outputs:

- TA & support for issues identification & AFR/SD strategy development with key African partners.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA staff shared information with CRCHS on ANNECA activities and discussed further work on pediatric AIDS with CRHCS.

2. Analyses on pediatric HIV/AIDS.

Expected Outputs:

- TBD.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

- 1) *ZVITAMBO analysis on pediatric HIV*- Following a visit by Dr. Jean Humphrey in April, meetings were held within AFR and with ZVITAMBO to discuss secondary data analyses on pediatric HIV issues. Two analyses were identified as priorities, given program/policy needs and available data – a comparison of growth patterns amongst HIV-infected and uninfected children, and analyses of morbidity and mortality in HIV-positive children. A proposal was prepared by ZVITAMBO for this work, and a CTO letter was submitted and signed by AFR staff. The next step is to complete the purchase order agreement with ZVITAMBO for the analysis and to initiate work. A delay in the completion of the PO could mean that the work is not completed by the end of the SARA Project, but SARA is working closely with ZVITAMBO to avoid this. Here again, the completion of the SARA no-cost extension signing is key.
- 2) *Modeling estimates* – A meeting was held with AFR (Peter Salama) to discuss ways to articulate/compare the risks of HIV vs. non-HIV-related causes of child death in various African countries and settings. SARA suggested that the recently published LINKAGES/USAID risk model be used to make these comparisons for a pre-defined set of countries, including rural/urban comparisons. SARA Publication Assistant Fari Fouladi worked with Ellen Piwoz to collect the necessary data for this analysis. The next step is to enter the data into the risk model (updated with recently published postnatal transmission estimates) and produce a series of graphs illustrating the anticipated number of HIV infections and non-HIV related deaths in different settings. A paper will be prepared in collaboration with UNICEF on this issue. The only anticipated problem at this time is the amount of time required to produce all of these graphs and accompanying analysis. SARA may need to contract Jay Ross to do this work. AFR may need to narrow down the number of countries that are used in these comparisons.

Dissemination and Advocacy Support to SO 21

1. Produce and disseminate key documents. [RENU]

Expected Outputs:

- Documents produced and disseminated:
 - i. Guidelines for Positive Women
 - ii. Guidelines for Positive Children
 - iii. BMS Guidance
 - iv. OVC SOTA review
 - v. Public-Private Partnership document
 - vi. Food, nutrition & HIV guidelines
 - vii. Repackage of health workforce impacts (from Malawi & Kenya)
 - viii. Update & repackage Impact of AIDS on Health Sector report
 - ix. Translation, printing & dissemination of stigma toolkit into French.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This quarter, SARA drafted a plan for strengthening and finalizing the OVC SOTA report at the request of USAID. Several documents were drafted and distributed at the SOTA meeting in June, including a PowerPoint presentation on the state of Africa, draft recommendations from the Taking Stock exercise and a document on human resources. The Malawi and Kenya health work force studies were repackaged this quarter and several data quality issues are being reviewed. The Stigma toolkit is being translated into French and should be ready for layout and production at the end of next quarter or early in year 6.

SO 24: **Polio**

Technical Area: **Polio**

1. Assist AFR/SD in the implementation of their SO 24 portfolio.

Expected Outputs:

- Assistance provided as needed.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Sambe Duale reviewed the proposed activities of the WHO/AFRO Vaccine Preventable Disease Unit to be included in the USAID 2005 Grant to WHO/AFRO.

2. Continue assisting WHO/AFRO on dissemination and advocacy.

Expected Outputs:

- Assistance provided as needed.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See Infectious Disease, Item #3.

SO: **Cross-cutting**

Technical Area: **Various areas – Monitoring and Evaluation Activities**

1. Assist AFR/SD/HRD SO 19, 20 and 21 with issues identification, portfolio management and evaluation.

Expected Outputs:

- Core group meetings organized.
- Joint meetings with partners conducted.
- Expert advice provided.
- Monitoring & evaluation activities carried out.
- Technical briefs produced as requested.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Sambe Duale led the preparation of the final report of the review of the USAID grant to WHO/AFRO for the period 1999-2003. The review was conducted in March 2004. The final draft report has been sent to WHO/AFRO by AFR/SD for a final check before production and dissemination.

Drs. Duale and Suzanne Prysor-Jones reviewed the proposed activities of various units of the Division of Disease Control of WHO/AFRO to be considered for the USAID 2005 Grant.

2. Consultative meeting on issues and lessons learned in building public health capacity in Africa.

Expected Outputs:

- Meeting organized.
- Issues and lessons learned paper produced and disseminated.
- Presentation done at the AfriHealth Regional Conference.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A SARA-sponsored Consultative Meeting on Partnerships for Strengthening Public Health Education Capacity in Africa was held April 6-7, 2004, at the School of Health Systems and Public Health of the University of Pretoria in South Africa. The meeting was co-organized by AfriHealth (a Rockefeller Foundation-funded research program at the School of Health Systems and Public Health of the University of Pretoria) and COHRED (the Council on Health Research for Development, a Geneva-based NGO whose mission is to help build capacity for health research for development). Sambe Duale worked with Carel Ijsselmuiden of COHRED and Dr. Thomas Nchinda, a COHRED/ AfriHealth consultant, to plan and organize the meeting. The final draft report of the meeting has been submitted to USAID for review before the planned production and dissemination in July 2004.

3. Support for the implementation of strategic planning and institutional development plans for WAHO and CERPOD.

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided to WAHO and CERPOD.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Sambe Duale joined a team of resource persons at a WAHO-sponsored sub-regional workshop to create consensus among the Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs) on leadership for preparing regional Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) proposals to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM). The workshop was held March 29 – April 2, 2004, in Dakar, Senegal. A proposal on improved access to ARVs in the ECOWAS region was prepared and submitted for the 4th round of the GFATM.

As discussed above, Prof. Moussa Maiga, Deputy Director General of WAHO, was in the US in May 2004 for consultations with US-based organizations interested in health development in West Africa. See SO 21, African Institutions/Capacity Building, item #5, for details.

4. Technical analysis and expert support for USAID West Africa Regional Program (WARP) and REDSO/ESA.

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided to WARP and REDSO/ESA.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Sambe Duale was invited to join the AWARE Project's First Annual Institutional Capacity Development Advisory Committee Meeting May 26-27, 2004, in Accra, Ghana. To contribute to regional efforts to solve health problems facing the West Africa region, the USAID West Africa Regional Program (WARP) is supporting a 5-year regional health project - Action for West Africa Region (AWARE) - to achieve the following objective: "Increased adoption of sustainable RH, HIV/AIDS-STI and Child Survival policies and approaches in West Africa". AED has two staff assigned to the project office in Accra, Ghana. Dr. Duale was not able to attend the meeting in Accra. However, he contributed electronically to the deliberations of the Committee.

SO: Cross-cutting

Technical Area: Dissemination and advocacy

Result ia: Capacity to Advocate

1. Provide the Advocacy Guide to groups to use it (African institutions, CAs, etc.) on request.

Expected Outputs:

- Advocacy Guide provided to selected groups.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The Advocacy Guide was reprinted this quarter in both French and English, so dissemination will start again next quarter.

2. Identify key issues for which to advocate.

Expected Outputs:

- Follow-up completed.
- Recommendations made for future.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Three issues being pursued this quarter are: (1) SARA is developing a toolkit for countries interested in involving private providers in child health; (2) Newborn care and programming is evolving into an issue on which SARA will do some advocacy; (3) SARA has developed a series of draft materials that are being refined on child survival in Africa following the research SARA conducted on USAID child survival programming the past several quarters.

Result ib: Capacity to Disseminate Information

3. Assist CRHCS in strengthening its info communication activities by developing strategy and hiring an appropriate staff person.

Expected Outputs:

- Communication strategy developed.
- Staff person recruited and hired.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

With SARA and PRB input, CRHCS hired an information dissemination coordinator to oversee all communication activities. He took up his post in mid-June and Renuka Bery has had several teleconferences and e-mail exchanges to discuss work plan activities and focus activities for the next year.

4. Work with Namibian web competition team to document experience and explore how to replicate it in other ECSA countries.

Expected Outputs:

- Namibia experience documented.
- Collaboration with other regional organizations and donors to replicate experience in one other country.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

5. Work with African institutions to build capacity in dissemination and repackaging information.

Expected Outputs:

- Workshops with CRHCS IDCs, WHO/AFRO, AHILA members.
- Information disseminated.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Periodic updates with WHO/AFRO and CRHCS. This quarter, CERPOD's information person left and will likely not be replaced. It is more likely that CERPOD will hire a consultant under their SARA subcontract to complete work started and carry out spot assignments as needed.

6. Assist African institutions in repackaging information on an as-needed basis.

Expected Outputs:

- Information repackaged and appropriately disseminated.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery assisted CRHCS in repackaging a document on safe motherhood programs in the ECSA region. However, the information is not new or cutting edge, so SARA has advised CRHCS to give serious consideration to not producing the document. The information has been shared in various forums and meetings.

7. Collaborate with other USAID Projects.

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination of priority issues improved for selected projects.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA worked with JHPIEGO on a dissemination strategy for the SFPS CD-ROMs that went out this quarter. SARA also submitted a description of the CD-ROM to ABIC who included it in the AFRICA Bureau newsletter.

SARA staff also collaborated with the Global Health Council to ensure that copies of the Africa Malaria report were disseminated during a Congressional Briefing to commemorate Africa Malaria Day on April 25th.

In addition, SARA sent the Policy Project 50 copies of the RH briefing kits to inform the SADC First Ladies on why they should continue to support FP programs.

SARA sent the Portuguese version of the Malaria and Pregnancy brochure to JHPEIGO. They plan to include it in their Portuguese version of the Malaria Resource Package due out next quarter.

Finally, Renuka Bery wrote an article on PEPFAR for ABIC at the request of the HIV/AIDS team.

8. Develop series of Dissemination Briefs to assist projects & African institutions in developing & carrying out a dissemination strategy.

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination briefs developed.
- Dissemination strategy developed & implemented.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery had discussions this quarter with other colleagues on how to structure this product. Several ideas are being tested including developing a case study following one document through the entire development, production and dissemination process.

9. Work with missions to strengthen their capacity to produce and disseminate materials.

Expected Outputs:

- Workshop reports submitted.
- TA provided.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter, though the issue has been raised with AFR/SD and ideas may be discussed in the next quarter.

<p>Result ic: Capacity to Communicate Electronically</p> <p>10. Link selected African institution personnel to e-communication opportunities through CRHCS.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected personnel linked to opportunities. Links made between PRB and CRHCS for electronic networking activity. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>Result iia: Materials Development and Production</p> <p>11. Design and package information in appropriate formats (books, syntheses, executive summaries, e-notes, policy briefs/brochures, tools).</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected information designed and packaged. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Two e-notes (Profiles and Private Practitioners) were developed and shared with AFR/SD but none have been disseminated.</p>
<p>12. Dissemination of key AFR/SD-SARA cross-cutting products as requested.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Products disseminated. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Renuka Bery hired a part-time dissemination associate to assist SARA in developing strategies to disseminate documents that are still on our shelves. He has contacted various organizations to solicit interest in receiving documents. The solicitations have been well received and SARA is receiving a number of requests for these documents. These will be disseminated next quarter.</p>
<p>13. Assessments of use of AFR/SD/HRD-SARA products (3-6 documents/year).</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of documents specified in work plan assessed & presentation given. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>The same dissemination associate assisted SARA in assessing the use of 5 documents. The documents being examined are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Health Sector Human Resource Crisis in Africa - An issues paper HIV / AIDS and Nutrition - A review of the literature and recommendations for nutritional care and support in sub-Saharan Africa Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Africa - Practical Guidance for Programs Utilizing the Potential of Formal and Informal Private Practitioners in Child Survival: situation analysis and summary of promising interventions Best Practices and Lessons Learned for Sustainable Community Nutrition Programming <p>In addition, Rebecca Nigmann, SARA Publications Associate, is assessing the Malaria and Pregnancy brochure and press kit. These results will be available next quarter.</p>

Result iib: Dissemination Channels
<p>14. Mail documents to targeted mailing list.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents mailed. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>3432 documents were mailed out this quarter. 2824 were requested by 165 people and 608 were sent unsolicited.</p>
<p>15. Explore new opportunities to disseminate more information electronically, through e-mail, Internet, etc., especially through e-mail groups.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-mail lists. Fewer documents mailed. Increased number of documents on Internet. Increased number of hits. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>5 documents were sent this quarter via e-mail. Also, the website received nearly 160,000 total hits for this quarter, up from just over 150,000 hits, a 9% increase since last quarter.</p> <p>The top two downloaded publications were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Qualitative Res. for Improved Health Programs- 541 2. Multisectoral Responses to HIV/AIDS- 445
<p>16. SARA, AFR and USAID Website maintenance + publications updates.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website reviewed and updated on periodic basis. Publications list moved to USAID site. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>SARA site-based publications were updated at the end of June to ensure all publication activity is current.</p>
<p>17. Promote information through various listservs (AFRONETS, ReproHlth, WB, AHILANet).</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information promoted as needed. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p><i>Nutrition and HIV/AIDS: Evidence, Gaps, and Priority Actions</i> (May 2004) and <i>Issues in Postabortion Care: Scaling-Up Services in Francophone Africa</i> (June 2004) were posted on PRB's "Population and Health Infoshare".</p> <p>The Nutrition and HIV/AIDS brochure was submitted to World Bank's Development Gateway site in June. We are awaiting their review process to see whether or not the brochure will get posted.</p>
<p>18. Develop and send via e-mail quarterly announcement of AFR/SD publications/products.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadcast e-mail sent quarterly. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>The quarterly announcement currently is going out to 373 recipients, mostly within USAID and the USAID missions. The publications list went out this quarter on time.</p>

<p>19. Explore interactive CD-ROM development. Assess whether SARA should design an interactive CD-ROM and develop it, if appropriate.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New activities of this nature identified, including whether SARA should do CD-ROM. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>SARA staff developed another html-based interactive CD at the request of the HIV/AIDS team. This CD, <i>Key Documents on Orphans and Vulnerable Children</i>, was developed in April and was reproduced in house several times to fulfill the demand. Because most of the CD-duplication was on demand and took place in-house, the project, with CTO approval, purchased a CD duplicator that will expedite CD duplication in the future and limit the need for outside production.</p>
<p>20. Assess use of CD-ROMS in Africa.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reports from surveys conducted at various forums. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>21. Analyze tracking information on major SARA publications.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information analyzed. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Tracking is analyzed on an as-needed basis by various members of the SARA dissemination team.</p>
<p>22. USAID Knowledge Management Fair and Inventory.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contribute SARA/AFR experiences to inventory. ▪ Advocacy Guide shared at Fair. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>This activity is completed.</p>
<p>23. OVC meeting.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preliminary report on OVC drafted. ▪ Meeting report drafted. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>The meeting report was produced and disseminated to conference participants and others on request. This concludes this activity.</p>
<p>24. Global Consultation on IDSR.</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation done. ▪ Trip report drafted. <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>This activity is completed.</p>

Result 3: Dissemination and Advocacy Activities Incorporated into AFR/SD SOs

25. Provide TA to all AFR/SD teams to ensure that RPs have dissemination & advocacy built into activities.

Expected Outputs:

- TA given & dissemination & advocacy activities reviewed.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery and Antonia Wolff have been integral parts of the core teams that have been meeting. These include HIV/AIDS, Reproductive Health, and Child Survival as necessary.